

"Hybrid hasn't been the best. Online, it's really hard to get motivation. It's easy to play video games, so it's hard. At school is so much easier."

-Oliver Hagans (8)

"Wearing masks all day is very annoying. I've gone through six different ones. This one is the best because it's soft inside and doesn't rub my neck."

-Emily Crockett (6)



**STRINGING IT OUT.** Cellist Livia Grau (8) rehearses outside during orchestra class. "I don't like the hybrid schedule. I don't like that class lasts like two hours," Grau said, only slightly exaggerating. Classes clocked in at 90 minutes.

**HERE'S THE POINT.** Annabelle Haney (8) gives direction during a photography shoot. "I was excited for my last year of middle school, but it got ruined by COVID. We couldn't do most of the fun things that were planned for the year," Haney said.

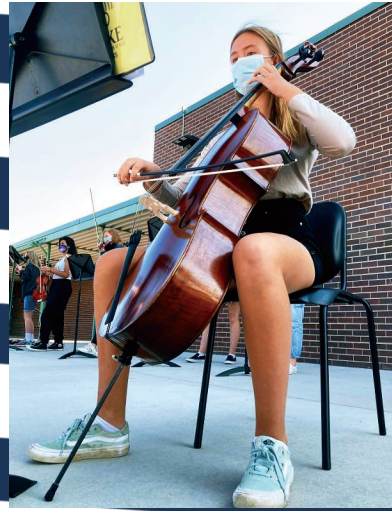


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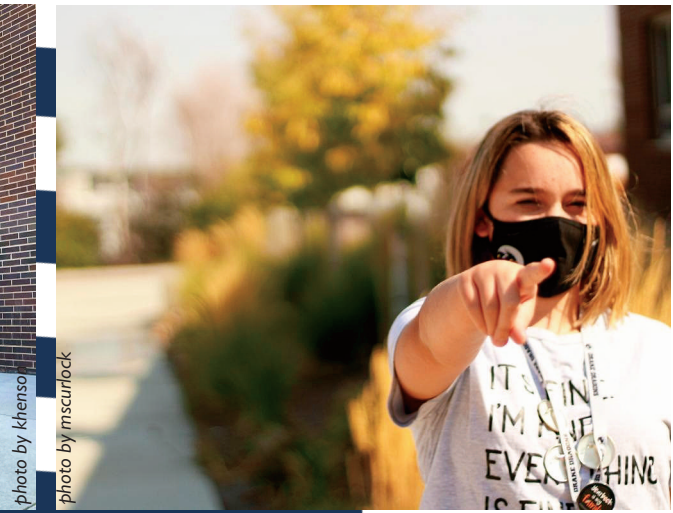


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**HEADS TOGETHER.** Patrick Shannon (6) and Levi Rillos (6) experiment with a Makey Makey in pre-engineering class. Despite all of the craziness of the beginning of his first middle school year, Shannon still had a good experience. "I liked starting sixth grade," he said. "It was fun."

We're still here, eyes forward.

**WE'RE STILL  
STANDING,**  
ready for what's next.

We're envisioning times where

**WE CAN**

see peers' smiles, and have the ability to turn in assignments on paper, not just in Google Classroom.

**Until then...**

We need to wear masks?

**SURE, OKAY.**

We need to quarantine?

**alright.**

We're switching to hybrid learning?

**WHATEVER.**

Dragons **don't**  
know the word **QUIT.**

You brought your worst, but  
**YOU HAVEN'T EVEN SEEN  
OUR BEST.**

So all we can say  
is, **BRING IT.**